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1. "The Estonian SSR yearly DOSAAF parachutist competitions were held this year 1954 at the end of June at the Moigu airfield south of the Ulemiste airfield in Tallinn.
2. "The participants had to execute the following three exercises:
 - a. Jump from the height of 800 meters and land in a circle with a radius of 100 meters
 - b. Jump from the height of 1,000 meters opening the parachute 10 seconds after leaving the plane and land in a circle with a radius of 150 meters.
 - c. Jump from the height of 1,100 meters opening the parachute 15 seconds after leaving the plane and land in a circle with a radius of 150 meters.
3. "The parachute used for the jumps was a military training parachute, type 'PD-6', and the parachute opener used was semi-automatic, type 'PPD-2' which is reminiscent of an alarm clock and regulates the automatic opening of the parachute within the range of 1-80 seconds. The parachute used descends at a velocity of 4.5-5 meters per second."

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